



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation levels below average for this time of year, although the central portion of the state reported above average levels. Temperatures for the state averaged around normal levels. Producers were allowed 6.6 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	25	62	9
Last Week	5	21	64	10
Last Year	20	41	37	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	34	47	5
Last Week	13	39	43	5
Last Year	15	42	41	2

Small Grains: Spring barley completed the harvest stage. Spring wheat was 82 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good condition. Winter wheat was 58 percent seeded and 18 percent emerged by the end of the week.

Row Crops: The corn crop was 94 percent dented, 52 percent mature, and 7 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Sorghum was 55 percent mature and 7 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets were 4 percent harvested and in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 21, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	5	11	30	32	22
Last Year	2	3	18	56	21
Sorghum					
This Week	4	14	43	37	2
Last Year	0	0	21	66	13

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair. Third cutting alfalfa was 78 percent complete while fourth cutting was 10 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle, sheep and lambs were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated a little above average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 21, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	6	16	54	18	6
Prev. Year – 2007	3	10	40	40	7
5-Year Avg.	8	21	39	28	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending September 21, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	82	58	97	96
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	58	34	41	57
Emerged	18	N/A	9	17
Corn				
Dent	94	80	87	86
Mature	52	34	54	41
Harvested	7	2	5	3
Corn Silage				
Harvested	56	34	73	67
Sorghum				
Mature	55	41	52	36
Harvested	7	3	7	3
Dry Beans				
Cut	49	30	57	68
Harvested	28	15	32	37
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	78	74	82	76
4 th Cutting	10	6	11	16
Dry Onions				
Harvested	55	45	64	70
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	4	2	6	4
Sunflowers				
Harvested	12	N/A	19	9
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	35	24	27	29
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	64	35	49	69

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	8	22	27	35	8
Alfalfa	3	7	37	39	14
Dry Onions	0	3	25	55	17
Summer Potatoes	8	8	15	53	16
Fall Potatoes	9	9	33	42	7
Dry Beans	1	5	22	58	14
Sugarbeets	3	4	20	43	30
Sunflowers	4	14	32	26	24
Livestock	0	7	20	63	10

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.